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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A manufacturing method, comprising: for performing software installation into a computing system, comprising the following steps:

(a) partitioning storage media of the computing system into a first partition and a second partition;

(b) installing software bundles into the second partition, each software bundle being stored in form as an image; and,

(c) installing bootable software and a user interface application into the first partition, the bootable software and the user interface application, when run, being able to receive from a user a selection as to which of the software bundles to install in the computing system, and then to install a software bundle selected by the user into the first partition while overwriting the bootable software and the user interface application, and then to erase the software bundles in the second partition.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1 wherein in step (c) after installation of the software bundle selected by the user, the bootable software erases the installation software bundles in the second partition by overwriting the second partition with a file system.

4.-11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A computer, computing system comprising:
storage media of said computer partitioned into a first partition and a second partition;

wherein the second partition contains installation software bundles, each installation software bundle being stored In form as an Image; and,

wherein the first partition contains bootable software and a user interface application, the bootable software and the user Interface application, when run, being able to receive from a user of said computer a selection as to which of the installation software bundles to install In the computing system, and then installing an installation software bundle selected by the user into the first partition while overwriting the bootable software and the user interface application and then erasing the installation software bundles in the second partition.

13.   (Canceled).

14.   (Original) A computing system as In claim 12 wherein after installing the installation software bundle selected by the user into the first partition, the bootable software erases the installation software bundles in the second partition by overwriting the second partition with a File system.

15.   (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method, for automating software installation, comprising the following stepcomprising:

(a)   upon starting the computing systema computer, running bootable software and a user interface application stored within a first partition of storage of the computer, the bootable software and a user Interface application directing the computing system computer to perform the following substeps:

(a.1)   giving a user an opportunity to select for Installation into the computing systemcomputer, one from a plurality of software bundles to install in the computing systemcomputer, each of the software bundles being stored in form as an image, each image being stored within a second partition of storage of the computer,

(a.2)   receiving a selection by the user; and,

(a.3)   installing a software bundle selected by the user Into the first partition while overwriting the bootable software and the user interface,

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16.   (Original) A method as in claim 15 wherein step (a) additionally comprises
the following substep:

        (a.4) erasing the installation software bundles in the second
partition.

17.   (Original) A method as in claim 15 wherein step (a) additionally comprises
the following substep:

        (a.4) erasing the installation software bundles in the second
partition by overwriting the second partition with a blank file system.

18.-20. (Canceled).